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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A FLAT STRIP

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Attn: Box PCT
Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 8, please delete Claims 1-21; Page 13, delete PCT
Substitute Claims 1-3 and add the following new Claims 22-44:

22. A process for production of a flat strip in a continuous process, comprising:

pressing a film (40', 40'') of thermoplastic material against at least one surface of a support fiber web (38) comprised of a plurality of parallel oriented reinforcing fibers with transverse fibers interwoven,

causing the thermoplastic material of the thermoplastic film (40', 40'') to melt under the influence of heat so that